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Amendments to the Claims:

1-34 (Cancelled).

35 (Currently Amended). A message frame sorter for sorting first type and second type frames based on destination address to a first queue and a second queue, wherein first type frames are stored in said first queue and second type frames are stored in said second queue, said first type frames comprise routed frames requiring layer three conversion and said second type frames comprise bridged frames requiring only layer two data link protocol conversion. The message frame sorter of claim 34 further comprising hardware means for replacing a switch header prefix on said second type frames with an ATM control device header and forwarding said second type frames to an ATM controller device for transmission to and from an ATM network.

36 (Cancelled).